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CINCUSARPAC PLEASE PASS TO CDR 7TH PSYOPS GROUP

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TAGS: PINT, MCAB, VS, LA

SUBJECT: INTENSIFIED PSYOPS TO DETER NORTH

VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION

REF: SECSTATE 247263/192130Z DEC 73 (NOTAL - USSAG)

1. CONCUR IN PROPOSED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE OBJECTIVES
REFTEL. REGRET FRANK APPROACH ASSETS NO LONGER AVAIL-
ABLE.

2. IF AUTHORITY TO RESUME WIND DRIFT LEAFLET OPERATIONS
AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM AND OCCUPIED AREAS OF SOUTH
VIETNAM IS GRANTED, CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN
TO RESUMED LEAFLETING OF NVA LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND
TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN TRAIL AREA OF THE EASTERN LAO
PANHANDLE AND CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF NORTH VIETNAM AS PART
OF AN OVERALL INDOCHINA PRESSURE CAMPAIGN. AS DEPARTMENT
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IS AWARE, VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL, IN LIGHT OF
CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN LAOS, PRECLUDE ENTRY INTO
LAOS AIRSPACE OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN LEAFLET OPERATIONS.

3. DUE TO PREVAILING WIND FLOW PATTERN OVER THE PANHANDLE AREAS DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE BELIEVE LEAFLETING OPERATIONS CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT OPERATING AT ALTITUDES WELL ABOVE 20,000 FOOT DROP CEILING OF C-130 ASSETS. WE ESTIMATE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REACH THE TRAIL AREA AND CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF NORTH VIETNAM FROM ALTITUDES OF 45,000 PLUS FEET THUS BRINGING NVA LINES OF COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE EASTERN PANHANDLE TO CAMBODIA AND SVN WITHIN RANGE OF EFFECTIVE WIND DRIFT LEAFLET OPERATIONS.

4. WITH LEAFLET DEVELOPMENT UNIT AVAILABLE IN SAIGON TO UPDATE MATERIAL, WE BELIEVE FOUNTAIN PEN MIXES 319 AND 326, WITH MINOR TEXTUAL REVISIONS TO REFLECT THEMATIC EMPHASIS IN REFTTEL, REMAIN APPROPRIATE.
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